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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT KULMIE JULY 3

1. KULMIE ASKED SEE ME URGENTLY NOON JULY 3. MOHAMMED YUSSUF WEIRAH AND JAMA RABILE OF ECONOMIC COMMISSION PRESENT THROUGHOUT.

2. KULMIE CONGRATULATED US ON ITS 200 YEARS INDEPENDENCE AND EXPRESSED BEST WISHES OF SOMALIA'S PARTY, GOVT AND PEOPLE. IN THANKING HIM I EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE AND MINISTERS WOULD HELP US CELEBRATE AT RESIDENCE RECEPTION JULY 4 (THREE MINISTERS AND SEVEN SENIOR OFFICIALS CAME).

3. KULMIE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON US AID TO SOMA VEWIA. I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT I HAD MADE THIS CLEAR AT OUR LAST MEETING (MOGADISCIO 992) BUT AGAIN REPEATED US POSITION: HUMANITARIAN GRAIN ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN APPROVED AND SHOULD ARRIVE SOMALIA O/A EARLY AUGUST. AID PROGRAM WAS CURRENTLY "MARKING TIME". THIS POSITION RESULTED FROM LACK ANY POSITIVE SIGNALS FROM GSDR'S DECISION IMPROVE US/SOMALIA RELATIONS. ON CONTRARY, WHILE AWAITING POSITIVE INDICATIONS OF GSDR'S ADHERENCE TO ITS PROFESSED NON-ALIGNED STATUS, SIGNALS RECEIVED WERE ALMOST UNIFORMLY NEGATIVE. I REVIEWED MY MAY 30 MEETING WITH SIAD (MOGADISCIO 881) AND EMBASSY NOTE PROTESTING FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT TO PRESS (MOGADISCIO 995)

4. KULMIE ASKED WHETHER OFFICE PRESIDENCY HAD SENT US VER-
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TINUING HE ASKED MY PERCEPTIONS FRICTION POINTS INHIBITING
BETTER RELATIONS.

5. I TOLD KULMIE THAT AFTER ALMOST YEAR IN MOGADISCIO I
REGRETTED THAT MY MISSION'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS HAD
MET WITH ONLY MARGINAL ACHIEVEMENTS. TRY AS EACH OFFICER OF
MISSION HAD, WE WERE CONTINUALLY TREATED AS SPIES IN THEIR MIDST
AND MY CONVERSATIONS WITH SIAD AND HIS LETTERS TO PRESIDENT
FORD NOTWITHSTANDING ATMOSPHERE CREATED IN MOGADISCIO IS ONE OF
SYSTEMATIC HOSTILITY TO UNITED STATES, ADDING THAT GSDR'S

AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON WAS BEING PLACED IN AN ALMOST UNTEND-
ABLE POSITION IN CARRYING OUT HIS MISSION BY HAVING TO EXPLAIN
CONTRADICTIONS INHERENT IN PRESIDENT SIAD'S COMMUNICATIONS TO
PRESIDENT FORD AND THE UNCEASING VENDETTAS AGAINST US CARRIED

OUT BY SOMALIA'S CONTROLLED PRESS, INCLUDING OFFICIAL STATEMENTS
BY FONMIN SPOKESMEN.

6. I SUGGESTED TO KULMIE THAT PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND
THE SSRP CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD THE POWER TO DEMONSTRATE ITS
DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS IN MANY WAYS AND FOLLOWING WERE
ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY:

(A) DETERMINED EFFORT AT HIGHEST LEVELS GSDR TO REMOVE
ATMOSPHERE OF OPEN HOSTILITY TO U.S.;

(B) MORE OPENESS IN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY OFFICERS AND
OFFICIALS OF MINISTRIES WHICH IS BOTH NECESSARY AND CONDUCTIVE
TO THAT MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH BOTH GOVTS DESIRE;

(C) REMOVAL OF CONSTANT HARRASSMENT BY FONMIN ON IMPORTATION
ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES (SINCE MAY 3 FONOFF HAS NOT APPROVED SINGLE
APPLICATION FOR EMBASSY SUPPLIES);

(D) APPROVAL OF US NAVAL SHIP VISIT TO SOMALIA;

(E) CURTAILING OF CONSTANT HARRASSMENT OF SOMALIS SEEKING
INFORMATION FROM OUR OFFICES OPEN TO PUBLIC;

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(F) MORE POSITIVE ACTION ON AMERICAN OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE
VISA APPLICATIONS; AND

(G) GSDR WILLINGNESS NEGOTIATE MUTUALLY EQUITABLE SETTLE-
MENT U.S. DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND ISSUE.

7. CONCLUDING I PRESENTED THE VICE PRESIDENT THE UNITED
STATES BICENTENNIAL SILVER PROOF SET.

8. COMMENT: CONSENSUS AMONG DIPLOMATS HERE IS THAT KULMIE
IS A LACK-LUSTRE MODERATE WHO NEVERTHELESS KEEPS DOOR OPEN TO
WEST AND A PERSON WHO IS MODERATELY OPPOSED TO RIGOROUS ANTI-
IMPERIALISTE(READ U.S.) STATEMENTS -- IF NOT POLICES -- OF
KARD CORE SCIENTIFIC SOCIALIST PARTY; MEMBERS. WHILE RABILE
MADE NOTES OF PARA 7 ABOVE AND KULMIE PROMISED TO TAKE ACTION
REMOVE FRICTION POINTS, FOR MOMENT "I'M STULL FROM MISSOURI".
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